



December 11, 2022

Mayor John Tory and Members of Toronto City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Via e-mail: councilmeeting@toronto.ca

RE: CC2.1 2023 Housing Action Plan

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Toronto City Council:

The City of Toronto continues to be in the midst of a housing affordability and supply crisis. To meet this challenge, significant and compelling action is required by all levels of government including the City of Toronto. In this regard, the Residential Construction Council of Ontario is pleased to fully endorse the 2023 Housing Action Plan introduced by Mayor John Tory and the Chair of the Planning and Housing Committee, Councillor Brad Bradford.

RESCON applauds without reservation this substantial and meaningful effort to advance measurable solutions to the city's housing affordability and supply crisis through the 2023 Housing Action Plan.

The new Housing Action Plan introduces a broad range of initiatives that will substantially advance crucial policy changes that will deliver much needed housing for current and new residents of Toronto. Significantly, the Housing Action Plan directly commits to either meet or exceed housing targets identified by the provincial government over the next ten years for the City of Toronto.

The commitment to meet or exceed provincial housing targets as a result of Toronto's new Housing Action Plan is a once in a generation change to housing policy that RESCON fully supports, endorses and will assist the city in every way possible to deliver upon.

RESCON is enormously encouraged by the commitments to change zoning policies to prioritize housing construction, increase zoning permissions on major streets, create transition zones between commercial and potential residential areas, expand permissions for multiplexes and additional housing forms, remove exclusionary zoning restrictions along with a myriad of provisions specifically designed to escalate significantly residential housing construction.

The scale of the changes proposed by the 2023 Housing Action Plan are so extensive that they are precisely the character of the initiatives that RESCON has been calling for in order to address the housing affordability and supply crisis.

The 2023 Housing Action Plan also includes meaningful and much needed public accountability tools including dashboards which will track outcomes and goals. The implementation of a regulatory framework for Multi-Tenant Housing is an unprecedented step forward and will address serious and

prevailing equity issues for many vulnerable residents of the city including students who have been forced to reside in unacceptable conditions due to the housing crisis.

The 2023 Housing Action Plan's commitments to outcome management, transparency and in particular the delivery of a Multi-Tenant Housing regulatory and enforcement framework is a massive step forward in protecting so many of our most vulnerable residents.

The 2023 Housing Action Plan is an immeasurably important step forward and we strongly encourage all councillors to support it at Toronto City Council.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MLC', is positioned above the typed name.

Richard Lyall
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